

By far the major use of land is for residential purposes, the percentage being near 46% of the developed land both inside and outside of the town limits. The second most use of developed land is for streets, being about one-fourth of the land used for urban purposes in both the town and fringe areas. It is here that the similarity of land in the town and fringe areas begins to differ, however. For example, industrial land is the third largest category in town (13.1%) while the public, semi-public category (5%) and utilities and parking category (4.7%) nearly tie for third place in the fringe area developed land. This is due to the fact that the largest industrial operations were either in town or were annexed in recent years; and facilities such as the golf course (a public, semi-public use) and water, sewer and garbage operations (utility category) occupy large parcels of land in the fringe area around town.

For ease in handling data used in this and later studies, the Maiden planning area was delineated into separate study areas (Map 2). These study areas include the central business district and five numbered areas -- the CBD and Study Areas 1 and 2 inside town and Areas 3, 4, and 5 comprising the fringe area. A detailed breakdown of land use acreage is given by individual study areas in Table 10. Data from this table need not be repeated here, but the information is pertinent in taking a close look at the land use patterns to be discussed next, and in the computations for future land use that will be given in a later section.